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**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

September 22, 2008

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on October 8, 2008, to consider an appeal by the San Jose Water Company of the return of Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) #1-06NTMP-012SCL by the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This hearing is requested by the plan submitter pursuant to Public Resources Code §4582.7.

NTMP Number: #1-06NTMP-012SCL

NTMP Submitter: San Jose Water Company

Location of Plan: In Santa Clara County, one portion approximately 1 mile southeast of CDF Alma Station, one portion approximately 1.5 miles west of CDF Alma Station. Section 31 Township 8 South, Range 1 West, MDB&M; Section 36 T8S, R2W, MDB&M; Sections 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25 T9S, R1W, MDB&M.

Proposed Timber Operations: The NTMP proposes use of the Selection regeneration method on approximately 1002 acres. The plan proposes the use of ground skidding equipment, cable systems, and helicopter logging.

The NTMP was returned to the plan submitter as a result of the Director's determination that the plan is not in conformance with the rules of the Board. Specifically, the Director returned the NTMP on the basis of the determination that the NTMP submitter owns more than 2,500 acres of timberland as defined in Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4526, and does not meet the definition of "Non-industrial tree farmer" pursuant to PRC § 4593.2 (b). The submitter is therefore ineligible to submit a NTMP.

The plan submitter and the public are invited to make statements regarding the NTMP at the hearing, either orally or in writing, relevant to the issues raised by the Director. Written comments may also be submitted, prior to the hearing, by mail to the Board. Comments sent by mail must be received by October 6th, 2008 to be included in the record of hearing. Send written comments to: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 or via e-mail to board.public.comments@fire.ca.gov

Date of Hearing: October 8, 2008

Time of Hearing: 1:00 p.m.

Location of Hearing: Resources Building Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

Public statements are limited to three (3) minutes and shall not include evidence outside the record. Members of the public testifying on this matter shall limit their testimony to the specifics of the Director's return for ineligibility of NTMP #1-06NTMP-012SCL. Members of the public interested in addressing the Board on topics related, but not specific, to this matter may do so under the Public Forum agenda item.